

-BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH-

In the Matter of Extended Area)
Service (EAS) for Sanpete County)
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DOCKET NO. 05-046-01
ORDER APPROVING PROPOSED
EAS RATES

ISSUED: February 24, 2006

By The Commission:

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

By Order dated June 7, 2005, the Commission ordered Manti Telephone Company (“Manti Telephone”), Gunnison Telephone Company and Central Utah Telephone (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Companies”) to undertake a Total Service Long Run Incremental Cost (“TSLRIC”) study in cooperation with the Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) and the Committee of Consumer Services (“Committee”) to determine cost-based prices for providing Extended Area Service (“EAS”) as described in the Request for EAS filed by Manti Telephone on April 8, 2005.

On October 31, 2005, the Companies filed a Motion for Protective Order in this proceeding. The Commission issued its Protective Order on November 7, 2005.

On February 3, 2006, the Division filed a memorandum noting the Companies had conducted the cost study in consultation with the Division and recommending the Commission approve prices derived in that study at an 8x traffic stimulation factor to permit the Companies to conduct a customer survey in accordance with Commission Rule 746-347-5. On February 22, 2006, the Division filed a copy of this confidential cost study with the Commission.

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DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

Rule 746-347-5(A) requires approval of the proposed EAS rates as a condition precedent to the conduct of a customer survey of residential telephone subscribers to determine whether the proposed EAS is in the public interest. Having reviewed the Companies' cost study and the recommendation of the Division, we conclude the costs were calculated in accordance with the requirements of our Order of June 7, 2005. The EAS rates derived therefrom using the 8x stimulation factor may be used in the customer survey conducted pursuant to R746-347-5(A).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

The proposed EAS rates submitted by Manti Telephone Company, Gunnison Telephone Company and Central Utah Telephone are approved.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 24th day of February, 2006.

/s/ Ric Campbell, Chairman

/s/ Ted Boyer, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Julie Orchard
Commission Secretary

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